To: Whom it May Concern
From: Travis Marshall
Date: 03/14/2025
RE: Public Comment Proceeding 25-133

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a public comment regarding potential changes to FCC rules. I would like to recommend that Amateur Radio remain with no changes to rules or authorizations for spectrum, however a possible return to the previous fee structure.

Amateur radio provides interested members of the public the opportunity to converse at the local, national, and international level for recreation, public safety, and other uses. It allows for experimentation and development of new modes and practices and allows those interested to become more involved in electronics.

Amateur radio also provides an opportunity for emergency communications and public service from assisting with disasters such as hurricanes to terrorist events such as the World Trade Center amateur radio operators have been there to assist with communications. Furthermore, they assist in serving the public in planned events such as parades and other public gatherings it has shown its worth.

I would look at the $35 licensing fee and determine if the collection of that fee is truly worth it or if there should be a return to there being no fee for initial and renewal licenses. Most of the work is done by Volunteer Examiner Councils such as W5YI, ARRL, and others who send the electronic files of those who pass the appropriate testing for upload into the CORES database. This testing is conducted by volunteers at no cost to the FCC.

Thank you for your consideration

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